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OLD ST. ANNE'S ANNIVERSARY

Large Attendance at the Observance on Sunday

HISTORICAL PAPER READ

The services at the 200th anniversary of old St. Anne's Church Sunday were conducted according to the program outlined in THE TRANSCRIPT on Saturday. At the morning service the lessons were read by the Rev. Henry Chamberlain, of New York and prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Munson, of New Castle. Bishop Coleman preached the sermon, and the singing by the choir was much enjoyed.

The Bishop's Sermon
The Bishop took his text from the 125th Psalm, second verse, "As the mountains are round about Jerusalem so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth, even forever."

He referred to the significance of the event, and to the fact that his father was at one time rector of the historical church. The necessity of a wholesome conservatism that will maintain the old truth without being adulterated with the modern notions of man's own conceits was dwelt upon at some length. The Bishop spoke about the unchangeableness of God, of the truth emanating from Him and of the church which is the witness and messenger of the truth. This discourse was an able one.

Historical Paper
At the afternoon service the rector, the Rev. W. J. Wilkie gave the following interesting historical address:

The observances of this day might be considered incomplete were we not present, at least in outline, the story of our parish which has now closed its second century. As in the case of many other parishes near the Atlantic seaboard, it owes its beginning to the Venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. The great missionary organization, now one of the largest and most effective in the world, was then in its infancy. Dr. Thomas Bray, a name to be had in honor of all American Churchmen, had long shown a most active interest in the welfare of the colonists. Realizing that the American clergy could not do their work effectively without the aid of good books, he had toiled to meet that need, and obtained in 1697 a charter from King William for the now well-known Society for the Propagation of Christian Knowledge. On the twentieth of December, 1699, Dr. Bray sailed for America as Commissary of the bishop of London. His stay in this country was brief, but he took back with him to England a keener sense of the great missionary opportunity which this new land afforded and a determination to

bring the facts to the attention of men of influence. He gained the ear of both the archbishops and many other dignitaries, and brought home to many the conviction that America needed not only books but also clergymen of piety and zeal. The result of his energy was that the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel was founded, and received its charter on June sixteenth, 1701. The first work of the society was to send out a clergyman to visit the colonies in order, to study conditions and needs, to encourage adherents of the Church of England wherever they might be found and to present a report to the society at home which might serve as a basis for future action. The clergyman selected was the Rev. George Keith, an able and zealous servant of Christ. He landed in Boston on St. Barnabas Day, 1702, and for two years traveled through the colonies from New Hampshire to North Carolina, carrying out faithfully the instructions with which he was charged. We know that Mr. Keith came to New Castle in the course of this journey in the early part of 1703, and it is all but certain that about that time he visited other places in Delaware, this neighborhood among them, and encouraged the people to take steps toward parochial organization. It was close upon this visit of Keith that our own parish and also that at Dover began their organic life.

It is hard for us who are gathered here to-day to form a correct idea of conditions in this neighborhood in the early part of the Eighteenth Century. Vigorous men were toiling hard to subdue nature to their will. It was a day of beginnings. Almost all the people were of English birth. Many of them doubtless were adherents of the Church of England. Over the Maryland border parishes were already established and there were churches with settled ministers. The people of this neighborhood would be strengthened by these newly established strongholds of the faith and look forward with hope to the day when they might enjoy like spiritual privileges. Such was the state of affairs when Keith visited this region in 1703. His part it was to kindle the flame of interest, to suggest a course of procedure, to advise doubtless the building of a church and the securing of occasional ministrations which should serve to prepare the way for the coming of a missionary. Keith would probably carry but a few days and then go upon his way, leaving behind him however the desire and hope of what was soon to find accomplishment. The first document referring to the history of the parish bears the date of September first, 1704. It reads as follows: "Whereas Richard Cantwell and William Dyre with several others inhabitants upon and near Appoquinimink Creek in the county of New Castle have requested us (the Commissioners of Property) that we would grant them a convenient piece of ground for erecting a Chapel for the use and behalf of themselves and the other members of the Church of England. These are to authorize and require them to survey and lay out for the use aforesaid, in the place by them designed, for erecting the said chapel, on the left hand of the Queen's Road below the said creek, the quantity

of ten acres of land that is vacant, and make return unto the General Surveyor's office in Philadelphia."

On the land thus secured by grant there was erected in the following year, 1705, the first St. Anne's Church, Appoquinimink, doubtless a small and simple wooden building, but destined to serve for more than sixty years as the spiritual home of Church of England folk from many miles around. When the vestibule on the south side of this present church was built about the middle of the Nineteenth Century, it is said that the workmen came unexpectedly upon the foundations of the first structure, and that they used these in part as the basis of that addition to this edifice.

After the erection of that first church three years went by before the parish had a settled pastor. Occasional services were doubtless held, when possible, by clergymen from New Castle or Maryland. At length the desire of the people was gratified by the favor of the S. P. G. in sending to them the Rev. Thomas Jenkins, a young priest recently ordained in the Welsh diocese of St. David's. After a voyage of eleven weeks he landed at Portsmouth, Virginia, on May 26th, 1708. At an early opportunity he came northward to Bohemia Landing, Maryland, where he chanced to meet Col. Evans, the Governor of Pennsylvania, who seems to have given the young missionary a rather discouraging account of his prospective field of labor. After some delay, which included a visit to New Castle, the Rev. Mr. Jenkins came to Appoquinimink, and "waited," he writes, "upon one Capt. Cantwell, the only person of any note or reputation in the place."

A due respect to them in person of their missionary. The congregation here as well as at St. George's Chapel seem numerous. Some dissenters come to church on Sundays and behave decently and reverently during the time of Divine Service. Our own professed members are very steady and firm in their adherence to and attention upon the sacred ordinances while all around is in confusion." He speaks in the same letter of a "Church recently built at Duck Creek twelve miles distant." In a letter written in the following year he speaks of officiating "several Sundays in the aforesaid church at Duck Creek, after having performed Divine service at my proper parochial church." He records that he had at Duck Creek the encouragement of "generally two and sometimes three hundred hearers." He tells with true missionary spirit of another undertaking. "On Sunday the eighteenth of June (1747) I took the opportunity of visiting a by corner of this part of the province, where several poor families inhabit a neck of land that stretches out into the great bay of Delaware. Here I read divine service and preached to a very large audience, and administered baptism to five adults, having first duly prepared them by examination, and to fifteen infants, one or two entire families making application for the holy sacrament. The people were well pleased with my visit, a minister of the Church of England being what they had never seen among them before; and many after this who hitherto had known no distinction of the Sabbath but by drunkenness or idle sports or pastimes now became serious attendants on the church. This earnest missionary seems to have

John Bisset was rector from 1791 to 1794. It was in part due to his initiative that the first Convention of the diocese of Delaware was called to meet in Dover, December 3d, 1791. He was the only clerical delegate from Delaware to the General Convention of 1792 and he had the honor of being chosen the secretary of that body. The next incumbent was the Rev. George Dashiell. In 1796 he reported 37 communicants as belonging to the parish.

The early part of the nineteenth century was a time of great depression in this place as elsewhere. The parish was unable to maintain weekly services, the usual stipulation with the rector being that he should officiate at St. Anne's every third Sunday and receive as compensation whatever might be raised from pew rents. The charge was generally joined with that of St. Stephen's, Maryland. In the year 1802 the incumbent seems to have been a Rev. Mr. Reese. For twelve years, beginning about 1803, the Rev. H. Lyon Davis held the cure. Our earliest existing records, consisting of a minute book with the treasurer's account, date from this period (1808).

In the year 1818 the Rev. William Nind was the minister in charge. At the diocesan convention of 1821 a layman presented a report stating that the parish was vacant, though occasionally visited by the Rev. R. D. Hall, of Trinity Church, Wilmington. The communicants numbered about twenty. He added that the people "have lately exerted themselves and prevented their commodious and substantial building from going to decay entirely by some necessary repairs, and it is thought that if they could get a minister their congregation would revive and increase." The committee to attend to these repairs consisted of Mr. Outten Davis and Mr. Richard Lockwood. The Rev. Purnell F. Smith was in charge in 1823 and was succeeded in the following year by the Rev. George Willer. Between 1825 and 1831 there is only one entry in the minute book of the parish and that relates to the appointment of Dr. Cutbert S. Green as delegate to the diocesan convention of 1828. In a list of the ministers in charge about this time I have found the name of a Rev. Mr. Robinson, but I have been unable to secure any information regarding him from existing parish records. At this time the condition of St. Anne's was at its lowest ebb. In 1831 the Rev. W. H. Reese, of Maryland, officiating in the parish, reported twelve communicants, of whom he says nine or ten received on Easter Day. In 1832 the Rev. H. Lyon Davis, D. D., resumed charge of the parish which he had resigned seventeen years before. He also became principal of the Middletown Academy. He speaks of the sad condition in which he now found the parish, not a single male communicant being found among its people. He does not despair, however. "The dry bones may yet live," he says, and he bases his hope, first, on "a body of faithful women who adorn the doctrine of God their Saviour in all things," and secondly, on a Sunday School numbering ninety pupils and conducted with much diligence and ability."

Dr. Davis was succeeded in 1834 by the Rev. Mr. McKinney, and he in the following year by the Rev. John Coleman, the father of our beloved bishop. He remained in charge for only a little more than one year, but the records attest the esteem in which he was held. He reported to the convention that the church had been "newly painted, the pulpit, desk and chancel redecorated, and the venerable building throughout rendered very comfortable." He says of the Sunday School that "until recently it has been wholly dependent upon the self-denying labors of a few devoted young ladies, but we have now the pleasure of observing a disposition manifested on the part of some of the other sex to co-operate with them."

We are now entering on a period remembered by some yet living. The Rev. Mr. Peck became rector in 1836, the Rev. J. P. Bauman in 1838, the Rev. J. H. Tying in 1842, the Rev. Thos. D. Ozanne in 1844 and the Rev. Andrew F. Freeman, son of the Missionary Bishop of Arkansas, in 1845. During the greater part of this period this cure was held conjointly with that of St. Peter's, Smyrna. Under Mr. Bauman at least, that of St. Augustine, Md., was added. It is of interest to record that in 1838 the diocesan convention was held in this church, and that on that occasion three young men were ordained by Bishop Onderdonk to the priesthood, among them the Rev. John Linn McKim, residing now at Georgetown, Md., the oldest living clergyman in our American Church. On May 17th, 1847, a committee, consisting of Richard C. Lockwood, John H. Smith and George Derrickson, was appointed with reference to proposed changes in the interior of the church, for which purpose the sum of \$405 was subscribed. The church was then brought substantially to its present appearance. Formerly the pews had higher backs and faced toward the north. The pulpit, surmounted by a sounding board, stood against the north wall. Below and in front of it stood what is now the pulpit, then used in reading the service. In front and on a yet lower level was a space enclosed by a rail and containing the font, a bowl supported by a three-legged mahogany stand. The robing room was underneath the pulpit. The altar stood where it now stands surrounded on three sides by a rail. When these alterations were completed the church already about eighty years old, was consecrated for the first time on November 11th, 1847.

In 1849 the Rev. Hiram R. Harrold became rector of St. Anne's and also of Christ Church, Delaware City. During his rectorship 63 square perches of land adjoining the churchyard were presented to the parish by Mr. John M. Smith and a rectory was built. The Rev. Mr. Harrold died in 1856 leaving a most happy memory and was buried in the churchyard.

His successor the Rev. Thomas F. Bilbop held the charge but a short time. In 1858 the Rev. Robt. Lloyd Goldsborough began a rectorate of eight years marked by untiring zeal to which the parish register bears eloquent witness. He was succeeded by the Rev. John W. Brown. Under date of October third, 1866, we find a significant entry on the minutes of the vestry. It records the appointment of a committee to devise means for the erection of a church in Middletown. This place, one mile north of the old church, had been growing in size and importance and its claims could not much longer be neglected. The church thus suggested was not built until 1872, when the Rev. John C. McCabe, D. D., was rector, but during the interval a room on Broad street opposite the academy was hired and furnished, a Sunday School was established and evening services held there. On April 4th, 1872, the new church was consecrated.

Time forbids me to dwell on the well remembered labors, faithful and effective of my more recent predecessors. The Rev. Wm. C. Butler became rector in 1873, the Rev. W. G. W. Lewis in 1877, the Rev. S. H. S. Gallander in 1884, and the Rev. Joseph Lewis in 1885. In the rectorship of Mr. Lewis the church in town was destroyed by fire but was speedily rebuilt through the zealous co-operation of rector and people.

One other forward step remains to be recorded. In 1888 the present rector began holding services in Townsend, a growing place in Appoquinimink Hundred, on the northern border of which this venerable structure stands. This led ere long to the building of St. Mary's Chapel, of which the corner stone was laid on September 13th, 1900. On the following Ascension Day the building was first used for divine worship and on June 20th, 1901, it was duly consecrated to the service of Almighty God.

I trust that I have not unduly wearied you with this story of our parish. I have had to content myself with little more than a bare recital of events. Memory and imagination must be called into play if this outline is to bring before you a living picture of the past. The story has been a checkered one. When more than a century old this parish, as we have seen, seemed almost ready to die. But a faithful few were always found to respond to the call of duty. They prayed, they toiled, they stood fast. So God upheld this parish in its years of weakness, and gave it a new lease of vigor and usefulness. As we look around us to-day, we see much to be thankful for. We have among them a goodly number of earnest and efficient workers; there are many signs of a healthy vitality. Not in boastfulness but with humble recognition of our many shortcomings we may still say, "The Lord hath done great things for us already, whereof we rejoice."

On this happy occasion we must remember that the close of a second century is the beginning of a third. Ere that third century closes all who are here to-day will be sleeping in yonder churchyard, or elsewhere in God's keeping. The immediate future, however, is rich in opportunity. Whatever the Lord appoints for us to do, let us do it with our might. With zeal and united labor we may hand on our trust enlarged and strengthened to those who shall come after. By loyal adhesion to the "one faith" and living devotion to the "one Lord," we may make our parish a very stronghold of truth and righteousness in this world of error and sin. So may it stand and serve even till the Lord come. God bless St. Anne's parish!

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
On account of the convention of the American Medical Association, to be held in Portland, Ore., July 11th to 15th, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will run a personally-conducted tour, visiting the beautiful resorts in the Canadian Rockies, Seattle, Tacoma, and Portland, allowing four days in latter city for attending the sessions of the convention and for visiting the Lewis and Clark Exposition, and five and one-half days in the Yellowstone Park, a full and complete tour of that wonderful land. Tickets covering every necessary expense en route, except hotel accommodations in Portland, will be sold at the very low rate of \$215 from all stations on the Pennsylvania Railroad, except Pittsburgh, from which the rate will be \$210. A special train of high-grade Pullman equipment will leave New York, Philadelphia, Harrisburg and Pittsburgh, Monday July 3rd. The route will be via Chicago and St. Paul to Banff Hot Springs, Laggan and Glacier, in the Canadian Rockies, thence to the Pacific Coast. Returning the route which lie through the States of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana, to the Yellowstone Park, and thence via Billings and Omaha to Chicago, reaching New York on July 26th. For further information consult Pennsylvania Railroad ticket agents. A descriptive itinerary will be sent on application to Geo. W. Boyd, General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia, Pa.

REDUCED RATES TO BALTIMORE
For the benefit of those desiring to attend the International Convention United Society of Christian Endeavor, at Baltimore, Md., July 3th to 10th, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell round-trip tickets to Baltimore, from Harrisburg and intermediate stations; and from Columbia, Frederick, and intermediate stations on the Northern Central Railway; from Lancaster and intermediate stations to Harrisburg; and from all stations on the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Railroad (except stations south of Townsend, Del.), on July 4th, 5th, and 6th, good for return passage until July 15th, inclusive, at rate of single fare for the round trip, plus fifty cents.

Special excursion tickets are on sale every Saturday and Sunday from Baltimore to Washington and return at rate of \$1.25 for the round trip. These tickets are good for return passage until the last train Sunday night, affording ample opportunity for delegates to visit the National Capital.



OLD ST. ANNE'S CHURCH.

"He received me," he adds, "very kindly and was willing to lodge and dine me in his house, but it was so small that he could afford me no retired room for myself." He had scarcely entered on his work when he was earnestly persuaded to remove to New Castle, a field then vacant where the opportunity seemed greater, owing to the larger population. He ventured to comply with this invitation, but when the society in England heard of his course, he was directed to return to the field to which he had been commissioned. He did so, and labored here for a short time with great earnestness and success. He drew together a congregation of about two hundred persons, and there were thirteen communicants when he first administered the Lord's Supper. He wrote to the Society that the people were very "earnest in religion," that above twenty had discontinued with him "in order to their due instruction and were preparing themselves against the next administration of the Lord's Supper," also that "a great many young persons were preparing to receive Holy Baptism." But after a few months he died, on July 30th, 1709, to the great grief of all his people. Medical nomenclature seems to have been different in those days; the record runs that he "died of a calenture caused by the musketoes." No stone marks his grave, but his body has doubtless mingled with the dust near or, it may be, under the church in which we are now assembled.

A vacancy of three years preceded the coming of the second missionary, the Rev. John Clubb, a Welshman like his predecessor. He held the cure for only a short time, removing in 1713 to Radnor and Oxford, Pennsylvania. It was during these very early days that Queen Anne of England showed her interest in this distant mission station of the church which enjoyed in so many ways her true devotion by presenting to it an altar cloth, a fragment of which bearing the royal letters A. R., worked, it is said, by her own hands, is still preserved in the parish.

Thirteen years went by before the people of this neighborhood again enjoyed the services of a minister settled among them. Three pastors, those of the Rev. Alexander Campbell, 1720-1729, of the Rev. Walter Hackett, 1729-1733, and of the Rev. John Pugh, 1734-1735, were followed by another vacancy of about eleven years. We need not suppose that during these long periods the parish was left entirely devoid of public ministrations. Faithful men were laboring in places not far away, and they would doubtless do what they could, often, it may be, under the direction of the Venerable Society, for the congregation at Appoquinimink. It was a day of small things, when laborers were few, and when the Society in England found it difficult to secure the means and men necessary to keep every spot supplied. In the year 1746, however, there began a pastorate, the longest by far in the whole history of the parish, that of the Rev. Philip Reading. He came here a young man. He had been educated at Winchester School and at University College, Oxford. Under the date of November 14th, 1746, he writes to the Society as follows, "The members of the Church of England express a grateful sense of the Society's tender concern for their spiritual welfare, promising to acknowledge it by paying a

suffered much from intermittent fever, which he speaks of as "the epidemical disorder of this country." In spite of this and other hindrances he labored on successfully for more than thirty years. Such was the growth of the parish under his care in numbers and strength that in 1768 or thereabouts this present church building was erected. It was a day of substantial building. The walls are two feet thick and the timbers of the roof, taken from the virgin forest, are far heavier than those that would be employed in a similar building to-day. The bricks, tradition tells us, were brought from far-off England. I may mention in this connection that the communion silver still in use in the parish was given probably during the ministry of the Rev. Mr. Reading by a Mrs. Rebecca Dyre, of New York City, formerly a member of this parish.

The labors of the Rev. Mr. Reading closed in the troublous days of the Revolutionary War. Like many other clergymen who had come from across the sea, he felt himself bound by his oath to use the prayer book of the Church of England in its entirety including prayers for the King. This led to a situation which rendered the continuance of public services impossible. The crisis came soon after the declaration of independence. We may quote his own account of what took place within these walls on Sunday, July 26th, 1776. "After the Nicene Creed I declared in form that as I had no power to resist the authority of the new government, on one hand, and as I was determined, on the other, not to incur the heavy guilt of perjury by a breach of the most solemn promises, I should decline attending on the public worship for a short time from that day; but that for the benefit of those who were in full and close communion with me, for comforting them in the present distress, for strengthening them in the faith, for encouraging them to persevere in their profession until the end, I would administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on that day six weeks, (September eighth.)" I had purposed to say more on the subject, but the scene became too affecting for me to bear a further part in it. Many of the people present were overwhelmed with deep distress, and the cheeks of some began to be bathed in tears. My own tongue faltered and my firmness forsook me. Beckoning therefore to the clerk to sing the Psalm, I went up into the pulpit, and having exhorted the members of the Church to hold fast the profession of their faith without wavering and to depend upon the promises of a faithful God for their present comfort and future relief, I finished the income business and Appoquinimink Church from that day has continued shut up."

Whether his intention of administering the Holy Communion six weeks later was carried out we do not know. He died about two years after this, on October 20th, 1778, and was buried near the south entrance of the Church. The stone upon his grave declares his many virtues. Descendants of this man of God resided in this parish for several generations.

After the war the parish resumed its activities. The Rev. Joseph Counden, rector of St. Anne's, and Mr. Philip Reading were among Delaware's delegates to the General Convention of 1789, and so had a share in framing the Constitution of the American Church and in the ratification of its Prayer Book. The Rev.

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OUR ASSESSMENT LAWS

In another column will be found a comparative statement of the county assessment for this year and the last year. It will be noticed that St. Georges Hundred is one of the three hundreds that show a decrease in valuation. No one here believes that our land is less valuable to-day than it was four years ago when the last general assessment was made, or that there is less personal property subject to tax. The decrease only shows a difference of opinion as to values between our present assessor, and the last one. Both may be, and probably are, thoroughly honest in their valuations, but the fact that with four years increase in valuation, the result should show a decrease, only impresses one with the badness of our law.

At present, a man is elected Assessor, not for his experience in land values, but for a reward for political work. Sometimes, he gets an old assessment list and copies it; sometimes, he finds a friend with sufficient knowledge to help make a fair assessment; oftener, he goes it alone, and in that case, usually makes a mess of it. He puts his own values on land, houses, stock, and other property. When this is done in ten hundreds, a mixed valuation is secured, which is a great way from furnishing a fair and equitable basis for tax purposes. There are at least ten different ideas with no attempt at arriving at a compromise basis. In St. Georges Hundred, the basis of assessment may be 1/3 of the real value. In Brandywine, the basis may be a half. In Brandywine, the basis may be a half. Another objection is that if a property is omitted, as too frequently happens, there is no way to correct it until the next year, when if it is discovered, it may get on the list. The same remark applies to double assessments.

As THE TRANSCRIPT has always contended, what is needed is a Board of Assessment and revision that shall be in session at all times. And it should be made impossible to transfer title to real estate until the transfer has been made on the tax books. Then, and not until then, will each taxable pay as nearly as possible his fair and equitable share of the public expense.

THAT WILMINGTON FIASCO

The much bruited contest for the seat in City Council from the First Ward received its finishing blow on Tuesday. The Democrats had tried in every way to get the Republicans to agree to a case stated, so as to bring the matter before the court. Secure in their belief that there was only one side to the case, the Republicans refused to surrender any part of their position. As a consequence, the Democrats were compelled to have one of their own men arrested. He was one of the Election Officers of the First Ward, and had so little faith in the contest that he refused to obey the summons of Council to appear and testify. On his arrest for contempt, his attorney, Andrew C. Gray applied for a writ of Habeas corpus, thus bringing the matter before the Superior Court. The Judges were unanimously of the opinion that as Council had no authority to go into the question of the election and qualification of the succeeding Council, the arrest was illegal and ordered the discharge of the election officer. The Democrats in Council, following the advice of the City Solicitor, dropped the case and permitted Mr. Willis to withdraw his papers. Thus endeth another "pipe-dream."

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

On account of the convention of the American Medical Association, to be held in Portland, Ore., July 11th to 15th, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will run a personally-conducted tour, visiting the beautiful resorts in the Canadian Rockies, Seattle, Tacoma, and Portland, allowing four days in the latter city for attending the sessions of the convention and for visiting the Lewis and Clark Exposition, and five and one-half days in the Yellowstone Park, a full and complete tour of that wonderful land. Tickets covering every necessary expense en route, except hotel accommodations in Portland, will be sold at the very low rate of \$215 from all stations on the Pennsylvania Railroad, except Pittsburgh, from which the rate will be \$210. A special train of high-grade Pullman equipment will leave New York, Philadelphia, Harrisburg and Pittsburgh, Monday July 3rd. The route will be via Chicago and St. Paul to Banff Hot Springs, Laggan and Glacier, in the Canadian Rockies, thence to the Pacific Coast, retracing the route which he through the States of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana, to the Yellowstone Park, and thence via Billings and Omaha to Chicago. For further information consult Pennsylvania Railroad ticket agents. A descriptive itinerary will be sent on application to Geo. W. Boyd, General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia, Pa.

A WARNING

Citizens of Middletown, do you realize the coming danger of the Saturday night nuisance that has been spoken of in these columns more than once? Can you not see that the heaven is working in the unvarying element among the negroes? Can you not learn something from the late troubles in Greenwood, St. Georges and Townsend? Surely there are none so blind as those who do not want to see, and that seems to be the situation with the Town Authorities. Is it not time to wake up and act, or are you waiting until trouble does occur and perhaps your wives or your daughters be subjected to the risks of ill treatment and injury from a drunken mob? You know it is usually the innocent ones who suffer, and they are the ones we are bound to protect. The writer is not an alarmist, that is not the intention of this article, but experience teaches that an "ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," and the authorities ought to realize and apply that principle to this Saturday night nuisance. The negroes should not be allowed to congregate as they do, it gives them every chance to create a mob. Break up the chances, keep them moving and lessen the probabilities of a mob forming, and it would be a most excellent thing just at the present time to compel everyone of them to transact their business and get off the streets entirely by 10 P. M. Now I do not wish to condemn all the colored people of our town and vicinity, that would be unjust, as we have many worthy ones, men who try and do make reputable citizens, and who would not encourage rowdiness for a moment. I do not mean them, I mean that class of the younger element that is being demoralized by these tongs who come from Chester, Wilmington and other places. They put the devilment into the heads of a certain shiftless class, and there is where the trouble will come from, unless our police are instructed in their duty, and made to do their full duty without fear or favor. I hope that hereafter we will see a great change on our streets for the better, so our wives will not fear to go upon any street in our town any evening. This improvement must take place and soon, as there is a limit to all things. A word to the wise should be sufficient. CRITZEN.

DELAWARE COLLEGE

The catalogue of our State College is before us, being volume two, number one, of the Delaware College Bulletin, new series, published in June, 1905. This annual visitor is dressed this year in a light café-au-lait cover and is thinner by a number of pages than in former years. Much of the material printed in earlier catalogues is now given in the quarterly bulletins, the pages of the catalogue now being reserved for specific information directed exclusively to those who make inquiries about the courses of instruction offered. On account of the omission of matter of more indirect bearing on the convenience and usability of the catalogue is greatly increased. During the past year the College has made a few changes that indicate a healthy growth, but a comparison of the present catalogue with that of a year ago will show a lack of that tendency to radical innovations which marks so many educational institutions of late years. Among the changes the most important is the replacing of the old division of the college year into three terms, by the senior or two term system. The present method divides the collegiate year into two nearly equal terms of about nineteen weeks each, and allows for no recess between the terms. The regular Christmas vacation will be continued, and an Easter recess of about a week will be substituted for the recess formerly taken at the end of the second term. The new arrangement has many advantages over the old, chief among which is the increased continuity of the work. Examinations recur less frequently and less stress is thus laid on "preparation for examination" as opposed to preparation for life. Perhaps the most interesting and important single announcement is that when the College opens on the twelfth of next September the students will have the use of a splendidly equipped Drill Hall and Gymnasium. This building, the need of which has long been felt, will contain a running track, apparatus for general gymnastics, gun rooms, various sorts of baths, and many other conveniences and comforts. This new equipment will lend new zest to athletics at our College, which has been exerting its influence to make college athletics less "uncollegiate" and more consistent with the needs of real students.

Among the minor announcements may be noted four new prizes—three to the freshmen class in English, given by an alumnus of the College, and one "for the best essay discussing the principles of free government," endowed by the will of the late Philo Sherman Bennett, Esq. The degrees Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, in Civil Engineering and in Electrical Engineering, have been substituted for the degrees B. M., E. B. C. E. and B. E. E. respectively. In making this change, Delaware College is adding her influence to that of a number of other institutions that are working for a greater simplicity and consistency in the matter of academic and professional degrees. Two new names appear in the list of professors, Captain E. W. McCaskey having become head of the Military Department, and Professor M. Van G. Smith having succeeded Professor Arthur J. Wood in the Department of Mechanical Engineering. The list of students shows a total enrollment of one hundred and twenty-one students, which is the largest attendance in the history of the College. No one who is interested in education in Delaware will fail to be saddened by noting that the names of those two patriarchal trustees, George G. Evans, Esq., and S. M. Curtis, Esq., will appear no more in the catalogue of the College, for the welfare of which they were so long energetic.

Simpers' Trial Was Legal

The Court of Appeals in an opinion rendered by Chief Justice McSherry, on Wednesday, in the case of Roland B. Rigor, involving the like contention of John M. Simpser's counsel that he could not be tried as a convict for another crime while undergoing a previous sentence, adversely to Rigor on all points and consequently against Simpser. It is understood that Simpser's counsel will take an appeal on exceptions noted during the trial, and he has been granted until September 1st, to file his bill.

NIAGARA FALLS EXCURSION

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has selected the following dates for its popular ten-day excursions to Niagara Falls from Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington: July 7 and 21, August 11 and 25, September 8 and 22, and October 13. The excursions from Philadelphia will be run by two routes. Those on July 7 and 21, August 11 and 25, September 8 and 22, going via Harrisburg and the picturesque valley of the Susquehanna, special train leaving Philadelphia at 8.10 A. M.; excursion of October 13 running via Trenton, Manunka Chunk, and the Delaware Valley, leaving Philadelphia on special train at 8.07 A. M. Excursion tickets, good for return passage on any regular train, exclusive of limited express trains, within ten days, will be sold at \$10.00 from Philadelphia and all points on the Delaware Division; \$11.25 from Atlantic City; \$9.00 from Lancaster; and at proportionate rates from other points, including Trenton, Bordentown, Mt. Holly, Cape May, Salem, Wilmington, West Chester, Reading, and principal intermediate stations. A stop-over will be allowed at Buffalo within the limit of ticket returning. The special trains of Pullman parlor cars and day coaches will be run with each excursion running through to Niagara Falls. An extra charge will be made for parlor-car seats. An experienced tourist agent and chaperon will accompany each excursion. For descriptive pamphlet, time of connecting trains, and further information apply to nearest ticket agent, or address Geo. W. Boyd, General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

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NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS

OF

St. Georges Hundred!

The taxable residents of St. Georges Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1905 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be at 1200 N. MARKET ST., in ODESSA, WEDNESDAYS, JULY 12 and 26, 1905, From 10 A. M., to 4 P. M., and at the County Tax Collector's Office, South Broad Street, Middletown, Del., on all other days during July, except above dates, from 9 A. M., to 4 P. M. Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps. EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE, GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY: SECTION 35. That on all taxes paid before the first day of August there shall be an abatement of 5 per centum. On all taxes paid before the first day of December there shall be an abatement of three per centum. On all taxes paid after the first day of December five per centum thereof shall be added thereto.

WALTER BEASTON, Collector of Taxes for St. Georges Hundred.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS

OF

Blackbird Hundred!

The taxable residents of "Blackbird Hundred," and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1905 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be at BLACKBIRD, JULY 12, 19 and 26, 1905, From 2 to 4 o'clock, P. M. AT DELAWARE'S, JULY 18 and 25, 1905, From 2 to 4 o'clock, P. M., AT FLEMING'S BUILDING, JULY 21 and 28, 1905, From 2 to 4 o'clock, P. M. EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE, GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY: SECTION 35. That on all taxes paid before the first day of August there shall be an abatement of 5 per centum. On all taxes paid before the first day of December there shall be an abatement of three per centum. On all taxes paid after the first day of December five per centum thereof shall be added thereto.

JOHN BEITH, Collector of Taxes for Blackbird Hundred, P. O. Address—Blackbird, Del.

SHERIFF'S SALE—BY VIRTUE OF

a writ of Levari Facias to me directed, will be exposed to public sale at the Court House, on Market street, between Tenth and Eleventh streets, in the city of Wilmington, New Castle County, State of Delaware, on FRIDAY, THE 14TH DAY OF JULY, 1905, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

the following described real estate, viz: All that certain lot, tract, piece or parcel of land situated in the Ninth ward of the city of Wilmington, aforesaid bounded by the Wilmington and Great Valley Turnpike Road known as Concord Avenue, by the Miller Road by Twenty-ninth street extended as laid out on the map of the city of Wilmington and by Park Lane also as laid out on the map, containing about sixteen and sixty-nine one-hundredth acres of land.

Being the same lands and premises which Eliza Harvey and Indenture bearing over date herewith but previously executed, not yet recorded but intended so to be for the purchase money therein mentioned granted and conveyed unto the said James A. Booth in fee simple, the payment of a part of said purchase money therefore is intended to be secured by this mortgage.

For release of portion of this property see Deed Record 2 Vol. 19 page 384 &c. The following portion of the above described real estate has been released from the lien of the mortgage upon which the within judgment was recovered.

All that portion of the above mentioned and described property, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situated in the Ninth ward of the city of Wilmington aforesaid, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of the westerly side of Boulevard extended and the easterly side of Elliott Avenue (the Concord Pike); thence southerly along said westerly side of Boulevard eighty-five feet to a point thence westerly at right angles to said Boulevard fifty-eight feet to said easterly side of Elliott Avenue, thence thence southerly one hundred feet or less to the place of beginning.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of James A. Booth (carpenter) and Elizabeth B. Booth his wife, mortgagors and T. L. S., and to be sold by Sheriff I. GILLIS, Sheriff.

HARRY I. GILLIS, Sheriff, Sheriff's Office, Wilmington, Del. June 29th, 1905.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY, SS. THE STATE OF DELAWARE. To the Sheriff of New Castle County, GREETING:

Whereas, John H. Horsey by his Petition to the Judges of our Superior Court, filed in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court in and for New Castle County, for the cause [Seal] of complaint therein alleged, has made application to our said Judges that a decree may be pronounced dissolving the marriage existing between the Petitioner and Anna Horsey.

We, therefore, command you, as you were heretofore commanded, that you summon Anna Horsey, that she be and appear before the Judges of our said Court at the next term thereof to be held at Wilmington, on Monday, the Eighteenth day of September next to answer the allegations of the said petitioner, John H. Horsey, according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and also to do and receive what the Court shall think and there consider concerning her in this behalf as to the Court shall seem meet and consistent with the provisions of the said Act of Assembly.

And have you then this writ. Witness the Honorable Chas. B. Loe, at Wilmington, the Twenty-second day of May A. D. nineteen hundred and five. FRANK L. SPEAKMAN, Issued June 18th, 1905. Prothonotary.

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Transit Leave Middletown as follows:

North Bound—3:20, 7:45, 9:25 and 10:24 a. m.; 1:34, 4:17 and 5:58 p. m.
 South Bound—12:58, 3:21, 5:19 and 11:38 a. m.; 4:51, 7:11 and 7:53 p. m.
 Mails (Leave as follows):
 Going North—7:20 a. m., 10:05 a. m., 3:50 p. m., 5:45 p. m. and 9 p. m.
 Going South—8:40 a. m., 4:15 p. m. and 9 p. m.
 For Odessa—7:50 a. m., 2:30 p. m. and 11:30 a. m., 4:50 p. m.
 For Warwick, Cecilton and Earville 9:20 a. m. and 4:45 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., JULY 1, 1905.

Local News.

Fire works at Middletown Restaurant & Supply Co.
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 LOST—A bunch of Keys on a round steel ring. The finder will please return to THIS OFFICE.
 After June 1st the library hours will be as follows: Tuesdays from 7 to 8:30 P. M.; Saturdays from 3 to 5, and 7 to 8:30 P. M.

We have just received a car of "GEORGE'S CREEK" Superior Steam-Making Potatoes. Coal; also a lot of 16 feet and 20 feet Ladders. Lowest prices.
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 Mrs. G. W. PETERSON.
 Mr. J. F. McWhorter has purchased the Chamberlaine property on Green street for a consideration of \$2250.
 Farmers have their wheat safely in the shock and threshing machines will be busy by next week, and some big yields of wheat will be reported.

WANTED—A good white man to assist in making ice cream and candies. A good chance to learn the business. Only those who are not afraid of work need apply. Call at THIS OFFICE.
 Unclaimed Letters—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending June 22nd: Mr. Sallie Guist, Miss Katie Lushie, John Drownmans, Captain J. D. Ford.

Do not forget that Monday is the last day for our coupons to be returned for the month of June. If you purchase \$1.00 worth of merchandise you will have a chance of securing one of our cash prizes, ranging from 5 cents to \$5.00.
 Mrs. G. W. PETERSON.

Dorothy May, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Whitlock, died Thursday morning at 11 o'clock, aged eleven months and ten days. Funeral services will be held at the house, this (Saturday) afternoon at two o'clock; interment in Forest Cemetery.

Don't let your teeth become decayed and discolored without consulting the dentist. Dr. Johnson, Middletown, will make a careful examination and give an estimate of cost of service, without charge. The latest and most approved methods used for painless operations. All work guaranteed.

Next Tuesday being the Fourth of July, a legal holiday, our banking institutions, factories, stores and business places will close for the day. The prospect is for a quiet Fourth in this vicinity. While some will go away for recreation, the large majority of our people will probably spend the day home.

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A number of our young people enjoyed a straw ride on Monday evening. They passed through Odessa and Townsend, returning home about 11 o'clock. Among those who went were Misses Mary Lewis, Mary Gill, Helen Rowe, Lillian Walker, Jean Metten, Prudence Lewis, Ernest Simman, Victor Jones, James Lightbourne and Harmon I. Yerkes.

Mr. Paul Weber, the local baker, has purchased one of Day's Self-Contained Dough Mixers, and will have the same installed in his bakery during the coming week. The machine will do all of the mixing in the future, and will be run by electricity. Mr. Weber is doing a large business, and the addition of the mixer will help to facilitate his already modern bakery.

The Board of Stewards of Bethesda Methodist Episcopal Church has unanimously decided to pay their pastor \$1200 salary annually, an increase of \$200. The board has had this matter under consideration for a long time, and its decision will be much appreciated by the friends of the church, as it places Middletown among the first grade appointments in the Wilmington Conference.

Mr. Chas. Collins who is connected with the Dover Delawarean, in the publication of the "Delaware Edition," is in town this week calling on our business men in the interest of the publication which will deal with the agricultural, industrial and commercial interests of the State. It will also tell of the opportunities here offered to the investor and home seeker. There will be articles upon the agricultural, horticultural, educational, religious, financial, industrial and commercial affairs of the State by persons qualified to write intelligently upon the several subjects.

Fire works at Middletown Restaurant & Supply Co.
 At a meeting of Damon Lodge, No. 12, K. of P., Wednesday night, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Chancellor Commander, William H. Dockett; Vice, Chancellor, T. Y. Leachman; Protectors, George N. Dickinson; Master, Work, J. E. Ginn; Keeper of Record and Seals, Joseph C. Jolly; Master of Finance, W. S. Letherbury; Master of Exchequer, L. B. Lee; Inside Guard, William T. Pierce; Outside Guard, Ira W. Owens; Representative to Grand Lodge, Harry D. Howell; Trustee, W. S. Letherbury.

"Chiff" Hoover, as he is known to his friends in this county is winning fame on the strong Chester, Pa., team, of which he is considered one of the best players. Hoover, who hails from Cecilton, Md., has a fine record for the past two seasons, and is making an exceptional one this year. He has played in fifteen games without an error, accepting sixty-eight chances; and for the season thus far has made but three errors. He leads the Chester team in batting. Hoover played ball in Middletown in 1902, and has many warm friends here, who would like to see him make one of the large leagues.

The following persons will comprise Rev. V. S. Collins' party to the Epworth League Convention at Denver, Colorado, next month: Rev. and Mrs. V. S. Collins of Port Deposit, Md.; Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Stephenson, Miss Octavia Owens, Miss Charlotte Wier, Miss Francis Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bartlett, Peter H. Overdeer, Wilmington; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vinsinger, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Price, Miss Maggie Strickland, of Elkton, Md.; Mrs. W. H. Moore and Miss Moore of Middletown; Miss Ella M. Staats of Warwick, Md.; T. M. and Miss Olo M. Griffith, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Bickling, East Downingtown, Pa.

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PERSONALITIES

Mr. R. L. Price is sojourning at Atlantic City.

Miss Grace H. Parvis is summing at Rehoboth.

Mrs. H. M. Jones is the guest of her son in Philadelphia.

Miss Viola McWhorter is visiting Portsmouth, Va., relatives.

Misses Maria and Mary Nowland are visiting in Long Island, N. Y.

Miss Yorks, of Danville, Pa., is the guest of Miss Marie Lockwood.

Mr. James Burrows, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with his wife here.

Miss Eva Whitlock, of Philadelphia, is spending sometime at her home here.

Miss Blanche Cochran, of Boston, Mass., is visiting her mother, Mrs. E. R. Cochran.

Mrs. Percy Golt and children, of Wilmington, are guests of her sister, Mrs. J. A. Jolly.

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ODESSA

Master Walter Wiest is spending this week in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Robert Mowbray, of Baltimore, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. L. Gilch.

Mrs. William R. Davis entertained part of this week Mrs. Hinkson, of Chester, Pa.

Mr. George Cleaver, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with his uncle, Mr. Clayton Cleaver.

Mrs. R. G. Cleaver left last Saturday for Wilmington, where she will spend sometime.

Master Elmer Vinyard, of Middletown, is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Vinyard.

Miss Adele Woodall, of Baltimore, is the guest of her brother, Capt. H. V. Woodall and wife.

Mrs. G. E. Coppage returned last week after an extended visit with her son in Long Island, N. Y.

Miss Lucy Appleton is visiting friends and relatives in Port Penn and near Brandywine Springs.

Rev. W. G. Koons, Presiding Elder of this District, preached in St. Paul's M. E. Church Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sparks, of Wilmington, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sparks, near town, on Sunday.

Notice has been given that the bridge at Old Drawers, near Odessa, is now turned off for repairs and is impassable.

Rev. W. E. Gunby attended the Epworth League Workers' Convention at Bozman from Wednesday until Friday.

Miss Francis Aspliff entertained this week Miss Alice T. Moore, of Pittsburgh, and Miss Mabel Edwards, of West Chester, Pa.

Mrs. Elizabeth Stevens returned last Saturday, after a very pleasant visit in Medford, N. J., Chester, Pa., and Delaware City.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Watkins and daughters Jeannette and Helen, left Friday for Rehoboth, where they will spend the month of July.

The Methodist Sunday School will take an excursion to Brandywine Springs Park on Saturday, July 15th. Full particulars will be given at an early date.

Miss Rachel Whitlock returned to her home in Granville on Tuesday, after spending a month with her cousin, Miss Catherine Whitlock, near town.

The hours for Sunday evening services have been changed. Epworth League will begin at 7 P. M., promptly at 7:30 preaching service will begin, both services held only an hour. Both services will be held upstairs. Leader for Epworth League, Miss Emma B. Eccles.

Miss A. Estelle is visiting her father, Mr. E. E. Marsh.

Miss Helen Esten spent several days of last week at Farnhurst, Del.

Mrs. D. S. Cannon returned to their home in Philadelphia on Thursday.

Mr. T. C. Lynch and son are repainting St. Stephens Church at Johnstown.

Mrs. Mary E. Paris, of Queen Anne, is visiting her son Elwood on Main street.

Mr. D. S. Cannon, of Philadelphia, was the guest of relatives in town over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Aikin, of Middletown, Del., visited Warwick relatives on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Stephens, of near Cecilton, visited Mrs. M. A. Lofland on Sunday.

Miss Emma L. Vineyard was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Urie P. Ginn, near Odessa, last week.

Miss Annie L. Merritt is visiting the Misses Aikin at the Delaware City Hotel, Delaware City, Del.

Miss Edna V. Stephens, of near Cecilton, visited Miss Ethel Vinyard from Saturday until Monday.

Miss Daisy D. Day spent three days of last week with her sister, Mrs. George Goldsborough, in Middletown.

Washington camp, No. 8, P. O. S. of A., elected officers last Tuesday evening to serve for the following six months.

Mrs. Mary A. Lofland entertained at dinner last Monday evening Miss Fanny Griffith and Miss Edna Stephens, of near Cecilton, and Miss Ella Lobias of Philadelphia.

The regular monthly business and social meeting of the Senior Christian Endeavor Society was held at the home of Miss Minnie L. Smith last Thursday evening. Quite a large crowd was present and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Miss Mary Blackway is being entertained by friends in Philadelphia.

George Morgan spent a few days with his parents in Baltimore last week.

Miss Laura Clark one of the Westminister college graduates, has returned home.

Miss Elizabeth Lake, of Back Creek, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. John Taylor.

John Stephens, wife and daughter, Miss Edna, visited relatives in Warwick on Sunday.

Charles Griffith and daughter, Miss Frances, were the guest of Sassafras relatives on Sunday.

Mrs. Cecilia Havett and daughter, of Fredericktown, visited friends in town one day this week.

Mrs. E. N. Crawford and son Arnold have been spending a few days with relatives in Port Deposit.

Mrs. Fred Myers and daughter Margaret, have been spending a few days with relatives in Baltimore.

TOWNSEND

Mrs. Walter Gill spent Tuesday in Wilmington.

Mrs. Sallie Taylor is visiting friends in Wilmington.

John Smith, of Philadelphia, spent Thursday in town.

Rev. J. H. Beauchamp, of Harrington, was in town recently.

Miss Mildred Wells was the guest of Smyrna relatives this week.

Miss Lenora Davis, of Middletown, is the guest of Miss Lillian Hart.

Calvin Outton, of Philadelphia, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Alice Outton.

Rev. S. M. Morgan, Presiding Elder of Dover District, was in town Friday.

Mrs. Leroy Hutchison and daughter, of Wilmington, are visiting near town.

Mrs. Sarah E. Conlyn was the guest of friends in and near town this week.

Mrs. Emma Wells and daughter, Miss Lizzie, spent the week in Wilmington.

John Parvis who was seriously injured in the fight Saturday evening, is improving.

Mrs. Thomas Wells and daughter, Miss May, spent several days in Smyrna this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lightcap, of Odessa, were guests of Mrs. Maggie Lee Sunday.

Miss Mary Money entertained Sunday Miss Mamie Pierce, of near Cecilton, and Cornelius Davis.

The Daughters of America gave a festival in the church grove, Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Mrs. John Townsend returned home Thursday after spending the past month in Washington, D. C.

At the school election last Saturday G. M. D. Hart, D. B. Maloney and W. A. Scott were re-elected.

Mrs. James Collins, Mrs. John Denny and Miss Mollie Lynam, all of Middletown, were in town Sunday.

Miss Denah Hodgson and Miss Annie Van Dyke were guests of Mrs. James Wilson in Smyrna this week.

Hon. James H. Hughes, of Dover, will deliver the address at the Fourth of July celebration to be held in the church grove.

Miss Mabel Hudson who spent the past month in Plainfield, N. J., returned home Friday accompanied by her cousin, Miss Ethel Hudson.

Daniel E. Jones who has recently graduated from Goldsby's College, has accepted a position in a freight office with the Pennsylvania Railroad, Wilmington.

Mrs. Samuel Watts entertained Wednesday and Thursday, her mother, Mrs. Hannah Turner, of Cecilton, her sister, Mrs. Taylor and nieces, of Earville.

The Children's Day service held by the Townsend Sunday School last Sunday was well attended. The program was finely rendered. Collections amounted to about \$40.00.

Mrs. J. W. Jones has returned home after attending the commencement exercises of West Chester State Normal School where her sister, Miss Jeannette McLaughlin, was one of the graduates.

John Jester spent Sunday with relatives at Summit Bridge.

Miss Marion Hill has gone to Atlantic City for the summer.

Mrs. George T. Hill returned home on Friday from Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Jones spent Wednesday in Wilmington.

Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Milligan were Wilmington visitors on Wednesday.

Theodore Allen, of Trenton, N. J., spent Sunday with his family here.

Miss Claren Barnett spent a part of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lester.

William Haman and wife were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Swain on Sunday.

Mrs. John Moore and son Harvey were the guests of Wilmington friends part of last week.

Miss Annie Heiry is spending a week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Heisel.

Mrs. Frank Jester, of Middletown, spent a part of last week with Mr. and Mrs. John Jester.

The ladies of the Presbyterian Church will hold a supper on the lawn of J. W. Carrow on July Fourth.

The congregation and friends of the M. E. Church will hold a picnic in Reynold's grove on the Fourth of July.

Mrs. Sarah Cann and Miss Axia Armstrong were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Swain on Wednesday.

Mrs. Walter Smith and daughter Lillian, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Heisel.

Mr. Alfred S. Hughes, of Delaware City, and Miss M. Gertrude Swain were married in Wilmington on Tuesday by Rev. George Lewis Wolfe.

During a quarrel here on Saturday night, Silas Cooper of Chester, Pa., was struck in the head with a brick. The force of the blow fractured his skull. He was taken to Delaware Hospital, where it was found necessary to trephine his skull in order to save his life. No arrests have been made.

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